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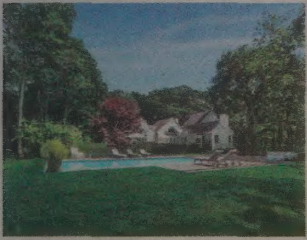
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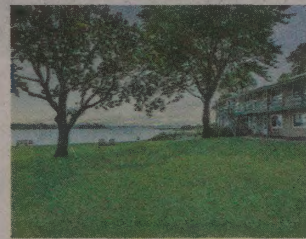
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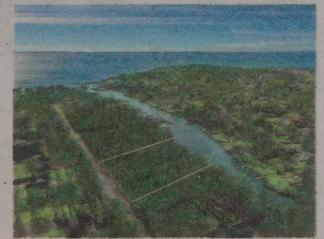
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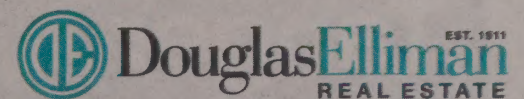
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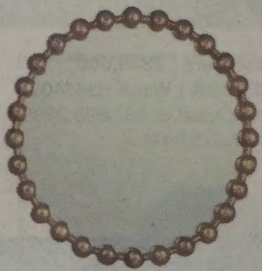
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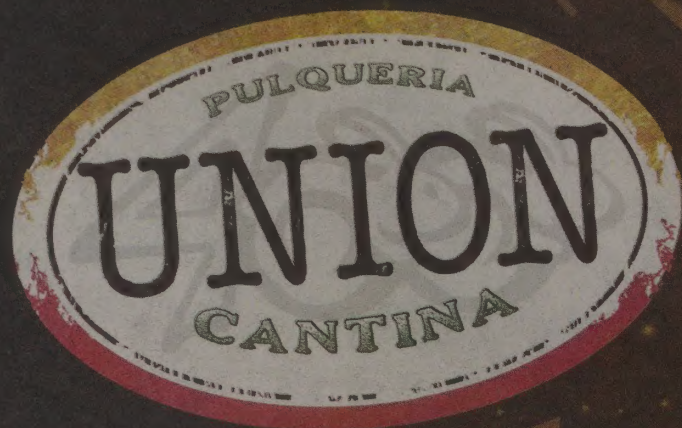
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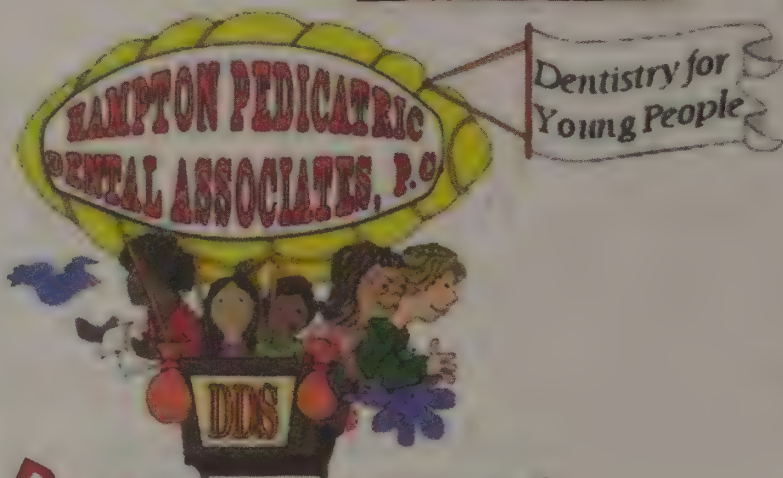
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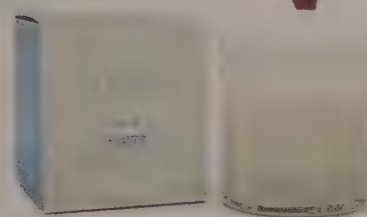
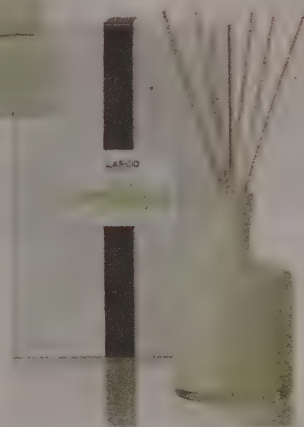
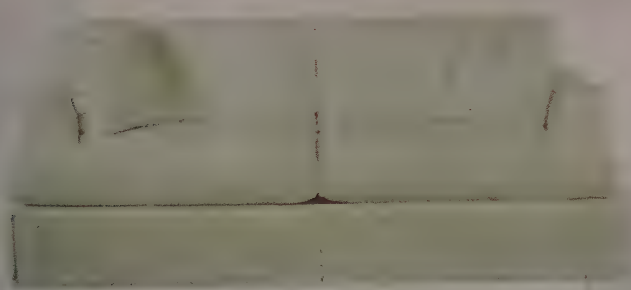






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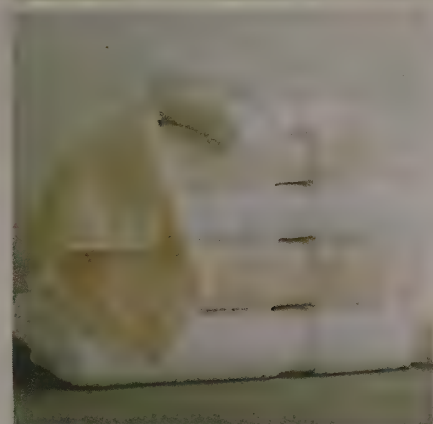
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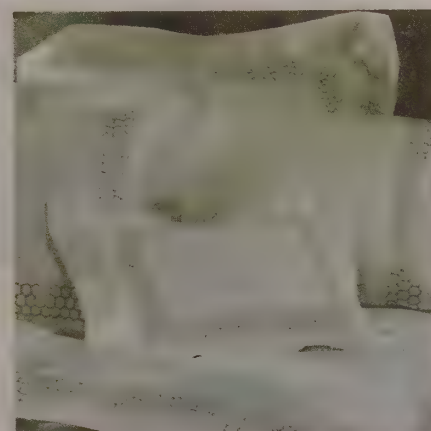


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Join walk leader Rick Whalen for a four-mile loop hike through some of Montauk's most interesting woods, including a stop at the Hangar Dock on Fort Pond Bay. On this beautiful hike, you'll see oak forest, ravines clad in mountain laurel, bayside bluffs and grasslands. Bring lunch, water and hiking shoes. See the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society site for membership details.

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Greenport celebrates Christmas with Northeast Stage as the theater troupe presents two readings of the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol* at Holy Trinity Church at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$20. Then Congregation Tifereth Israel invites the community to kick off Chanukah with latkes and a grand menorah lighting in Mitchell Park at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Holy Trinity Church and Mitchell Park  
Main Street, Greenport  
[northeaststage.org](http://northeaststage.org), [greenportvillage.com](http://greenportvillage.com)



## MITES OF SPRING HOLIDAYS CONCERT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 5 P.M.

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## SOUTHOLD FIRE DEPARTMENT SANTA PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6 P.M.

When the sun goes down, the Southold Fire Department celebrates the holidays with a parade of fire trucks decked out in colorful lights, wreaths and other decorations, while Santa and his elves wave to the onlookers. The motorcade starts at Southold High School and proceeds toward the Southold Firehouse, where Santa will take photos with the kids.

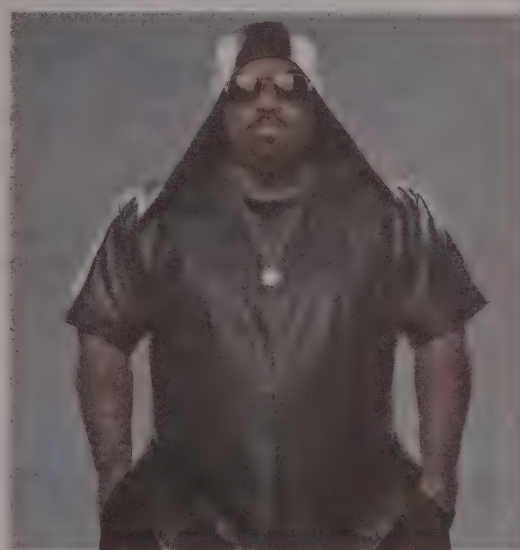
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## CHANUKAH MENORAHCADE & MENORAH LIGHTING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 3:30 P.M.

A parade of menorah-topped cars travels from the Chabad of the Hamptons to Herrick Park for a public menorah lighting. At 4 p.m., witness an ice menorah carving demonstration, then see East Hampton Mayor Paul Rickenbach light the sculpture's first branch. The event also includes traditional Chanukah singing and blessings, latkes, hot cocoa, chocolate gelt and raffles.

Chabad of the Hamptons  
13 Woods Lane, East Hampton  
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## CEELO GREEN HOLIDAY HITS TOUR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 7:30 P.M.

CeeLo Green is a five-time Grammy Award winner, former coach on NBC's *The Voice* and Billboard chart topper with the massive hit "Forget You." Now, the superstar graces the Suffolk Theater stage for a holiday showcase. Tickets are \$65-\$79. Special VIP packages—including a meet-and-greet and photo op with CeeLo Green, an ornament and more—are \$154.

Suffolk Theater  
118 East Main Street, Riverhead  
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# Meet Laura...

## 6 Time Cancer Survivor

and New York Cancer Foundation Recipient

*"Hi, my name is Laura. In 2014 I was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer. I went through 20 weeks of chemo and later found out it had metastasized to my brain."*

### What were your initial thoughts upon diagnosis?

I couldn't believe it. I decided I was going to get through it and I did. I thought I was free and clear, then it came back so I had to fight it again. That's who I am, a Fighter.

### How did your diagnosis affect your family?

The diagnosis affected my family because ultimately, I couldn't work. We were impacted physically, emotionally, and financially. My children didn't want to see their Mom sick. They were there for me and they just wanted to see me get better. My parents have been there for me every step of the way even when we had to move back in with them.

### Was your employer supportive?

I was a manager of a supermarket chain for 30 years. Unfortunately, [they] have not been very supportive because I was a financial burden on them due to my medical insurance. I had to apply for Social Security disability which barely covered the costs for myself and my two children.

### What does the New York Cancer Foundation mean to you?

They are like angels to me. They've helped me in so many ways. I just can't even express the gratitude. They helped us out financially and emotionally. Actually, at the time when I was working, they came to my job and collected whatever information they needed. They've been there for me every step of the way. They have gone way beyond my expectations. They've helped me with my rent, utilities, and food. I'm forever grateful.

### What do you say to someone who is considering donating to the New York Cancer Foundation?

I would tell them that you may not realize it because you're not going through it, but you are going to help somebody out. So your donation no matter how small or how big it will help relieve the stresses on a person fighting cancer. It will help immensely.

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(L to R) Nicolette, Laura, Christopher



## SOUTH O' THE HIGHWAY

...AND NORTH, TOO

Amagansett resident **Scarlett Johansson** hosted *Saturday Night Live* for a sixth time on December 14. Acknowledging the occasion, and her fiancé, Weekend Update segment host **Colin Jost**, during the opening monologue, Johansson said, "I just want to say that this place means so much to me. I have so many friends here and I met the love of my life here."



DREW BARRYMORE

Welcome (back) to the neighborhood, **Drew Barrymore**! The popular actress and entrepreneur, a longtime Hamptonite, recently purchased a Sagaponack farmhouse. The 5,000-square-foot home was built in 1920 and has six bedrooms and six bathrooms. Listed in 2016 for \$7.49 million, its last asking price was \$5.97 million.

It's a family affair for Sag Harbor's **Billy Joel**. While performing at New York's Madison Square Garden last Wednesday, the Piano Man invited an impromptu guest to join him on stage: his daughter and fellow musician, **Alexa Ray Joel**. The talented duo played "White Christmas," which Joel hadn't sung since another Madison Square Garden show—in 1998.

The game ball goes to Quogue's **Eli Manning**. The New York Giants quarterback walked off the field at MetLife Stadium with a win over the Miami Dolphins on December 15 in what was likely his final home start for Big Blue. The potential future Pro Football Hall of Famer celebrated with his wife and four kids, who greeted him with open arms in the stadium tunnel after the game.

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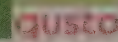
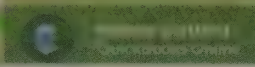
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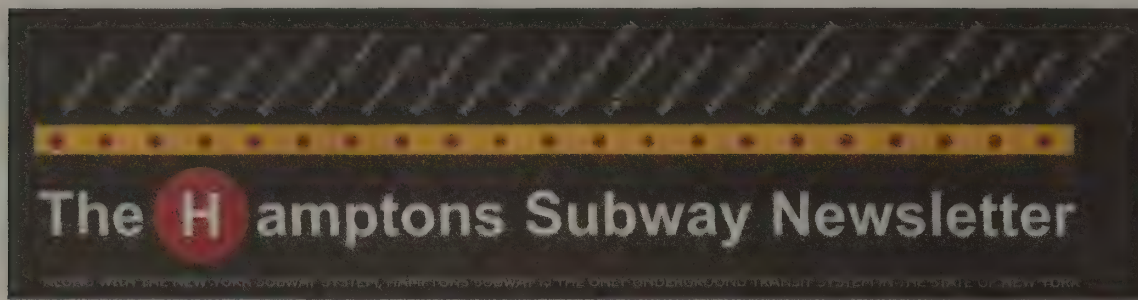


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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of December 19–25, 2019  
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**DOWN IN THE TUBE**

Madonna, carrying a whip, was seen on the Hamptons Subway on Thursday morning headed from Bridgehampton to Sag Harbor to shop and then return on foot to her horse farm. Sting was seen traveling from Amagansett to East Hampton on Wednesday evening, humming a tune. Steven Spielberg was seen carrying a beautiful Christmas tree off at the Georgica Stop last Sunday, having come from Southampton. He lives just a short walk from the subway station.

**TOKENS**

The Hamptons Subway Newsletter has learned that the people from Bitcoin are in negotiation with our Commissioner Bill Aspinall about the 2.5 million brass subway tokens that have been shoveled into and filled all the storage rooms in the Hamptons Subway corporate office-building basement in Hampton Bays. They were taken out of service in 1999, when the new swipe

cards were brought in to replace them. The Bitcoin executives say they are ready made to be put back into service—one Bitcoin equals one subway token—as they segue into Bitcoin becoming the first worldwide real brick-and-mortar currency, rather than just a will-o'-the-wisp invisible currency which is currently all they offer.

The Commissioner says he will sell, but he will require that they pay a pretty penny for all of it because the weight of these tokens is anchoring the six-story building into the ground on its site, and without them down there who knows what will happen. He is considering allowing them to be leased for six months, and, if nothing happens to the building, then consider that the sale is final and they will not be welcomed back.

**EASY PASS**

Hamptons Subway's experiment with "Easy Pass" is over. It has failed. Management had high hopes when the project was started three months ago and probably for good reason. Stacks of subway cards were arranged on a table adjacent to the token booths along with a sign reading TAKE ONE and a metal can reading PLACE MONEY

HERE. YOU ARE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM. But it just didn't work. On every platform, the stacks of subway cards simply vanished without anybody putting any money in the cans. Shame on you people.

**ELECTIONEERING**

As we approach election time, the Commissioner has urged us here at the Newsletter to inform readers of the rules and regulations on Hamptons Subway property, which, as you know, is a private subway system, not like other subway systems, which are public and everything goes. The rules for Hamptons Subway electioneering state that there is to be no posting of campaign posters, no speeches and no candidates greeting the customers and shaking hands and so forth, no matter what party the man or woman running for office belongs to, unless it's the Republican party. The Commissioner, who is Chairman of the Board of this private subway system, is a special friend of Donald Trump and so that's the way it is.

**COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE**

With the holiday season now upon us, employees of the Hamptons Subway will be holding twice-a-week Christmas parties until January 4. Because alcohol will be served at these parties, I have ordered that all maintenance be postponed until January 5 so our repair staff, which drinks heavily the rest of the year—its in their contract—can really go hog wild during the holidays without damaging anything broken while trying to fix it, which surely is a good idea. So if you find something broken, just wait until January 5.

And Merry Christmas to you all. 🍷

# Police BLOTTER

BY OLIVER PETERSON

**ROTTEN PUMPKIN OR PRICELESS FINE ART?**

Two Hamptons Police Department officers have found themselves in the middle of a fine art fight both say falls way outside their area of expertise. According to court filings, the local beat cops were called to the home of Sag Harbor gallery owner Rose Plátano on November 19 after she reported that a "near priceless" work of art had been destroyed outside her home during the previous night. Upon reaching the scene, instead of finding a beautiful marble statue shattered or modern oil painting defaced, the officers learned Plátano was in bits because someone had smashed a pumpkin

that had been rotting on her front porch since early October.

It turns out, the pumpkin—which was literally just a pumpkin that had been signed with a black Sharpie marker—was actually a conceptual sculpture called "The Death of Tradition" by Hungarian art world sensation and Hamptons regular Nisan Täuschen. Plátano provided paperwork proving she paid \$750,000 for the pumpkin, which Täuschen had personally installed on her front porch and then signed with the Sharpie on October 5.

The pumpkin/sculpture was then left to rot in order to "evolve into its final state and deliver its dark message," Plátano told police, noting that this never came to pass because vandals, or perhaps some thoughtful art critics, had "kicked-in and destroyed the piece before it reached maturity."

Despite reservations about treating the destruction of a rotten pumpkin with the severity they'd have to dispense toward someone who illegally demolished a Lamborghini Aventador, police took the report and launched a massive and far-reaching investigation into the crime,

using all available resources. Thanks to a CCTV video camera Plátano installed to document the pumpkin's "beautiful and poignant decay," police were able to see the suspect's sneakers, which became their first major lead.

After nearly a month of investigation, including dozens of calls and visits to area sneaker businesses, detectives eventually tracked down and arrested a 17-year-old known troublemaker from Sag Harbor. "Because the suspect is a minor, we're not releasing his name, but it's safe to say the kid is in a heap of trouble," HPD spokesman Rex Gallant said, noting that the boy's parents are refuting the pumpkin's value and mounting a strong legal opposition to the charges.

The case will go to trial early in the new year. Meanwhile, the aggrieved Plátano says she's reached out to Täuschen, but the artist has not yet found an "inspired replacement," so she is unable to recreate "The Death of Tradition" to a satisfactory degree.

"It's a head scratcher, to be sure," Gallant said, admitting, "I'm not much of an art guy—few cops are—but this one is strange even for art guys." 🍷



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## Lighting of the Vines at Wölffer

Some 150,000 lights illuminated the winter vineyard rows at the Lighting of the Vines 10th Anniversary A Charity Wreath Auction with the Retreat at Wölffer Estate Vineyard on Saturday, December 7. Festive wreaths were created for the silent auction, and proceeds from the evening will benefit The Retreat, a safe haven for families in crisis. The Retreat's mission is to provide safety, shelter and support for victims of domestic abuse and to break the cycle of family violence. Photographs by Barbara Lassen



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2. Clubhouse Bowling Pins: Brian Mott, Peggy Schlitt, Addison Schlitt, Holly Rubenstein  
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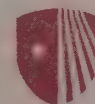
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5. Angela Hazelton, Mariana Salamanza, Mary Carls  
6. Deidre Hogan, Traci Mabrey

## East Hampton Santa Parade

The East Hampton Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual East Hampton Santa Parade on Saturday, December 7. This year's theme was "Journey to the North Pole," and families waved to Santa and Mrs. Claus as they traveled down Main Street, led by their sleigh of reindeer. Prizes were awarded for the best float. Photographs by Donna Pradas.



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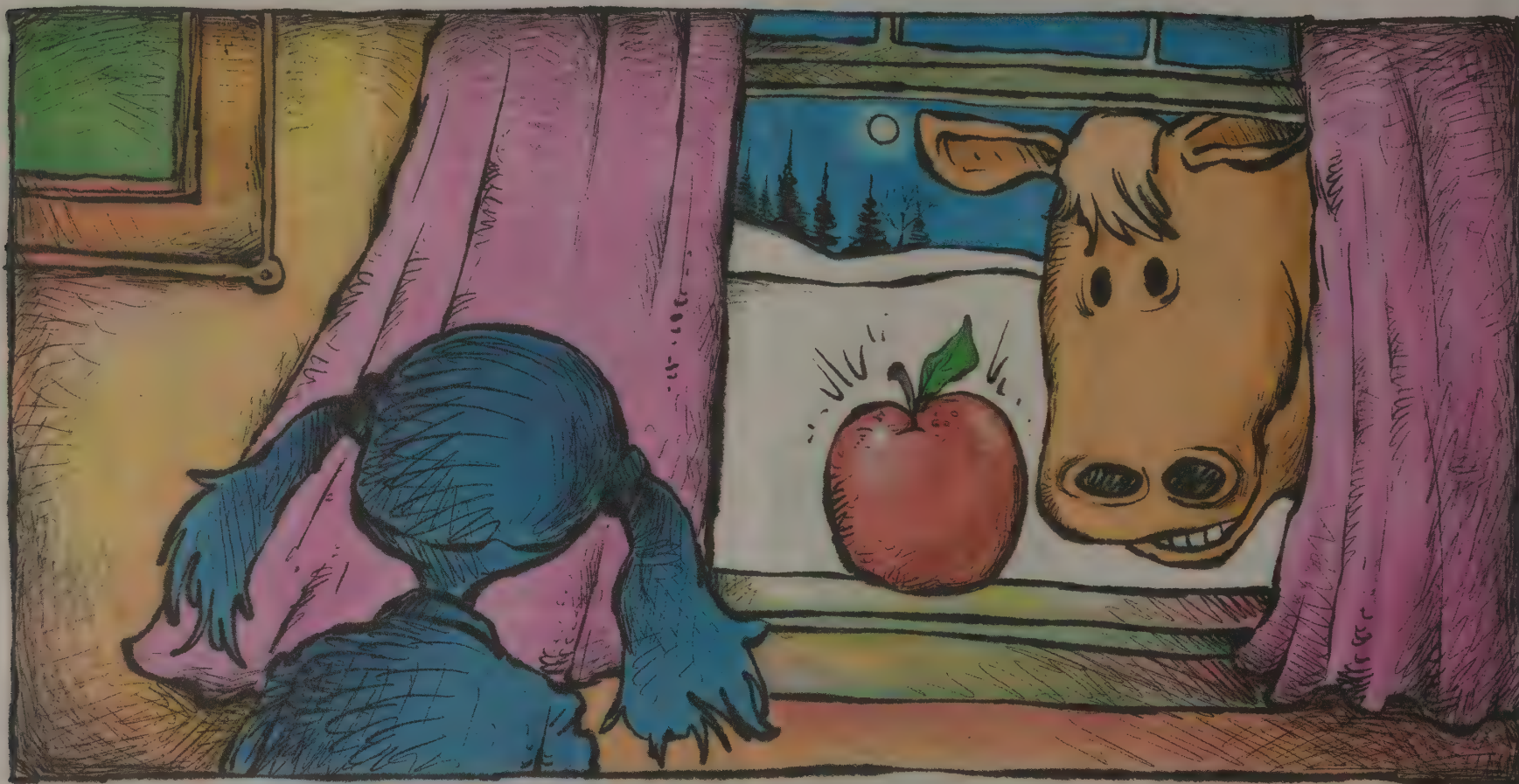
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# Annie and Magic

*A Christmas Fable to be Read Aloud to the Children of the Hamptons*



*m. Pannik*

BY DAN RATTNER

Seven-year-old Annie couldn't stand it anymore. She'd awakened at 4 a.m. thinking she'd heard Santa coming down the chimney into the living room of their farmhouse there in Southampton, Long Island. Now at 5 a.m., in her pajamas, she tiptoed into the living room.

"Annie, is that you?" her father shouted down from upstairs.

"We'll be right down," her mother said. "Don't open anything."

Soon, in their nightclothes, they were opening presents under the Christmas tree. And that's when this very extraordinary gift box got handed to Annie. When she opened it, all that was inside was an apple.

Annie looked at her dad.

"Take it into your bedroom and open your window," he said.

Annie did as she was told, and soon in the dark and cold of that pre-dawn night, she heard the sound of hoofbeats. And there he was, on a long

lead, at her window, a beautiful light brown pony with dark flashing eyes.

He quickly went for Annie's apple. Crunch, crunch. She couldn't believe it.

"For me?" she asked.

"For you," her dad, behind her, said.

Annie reached out to pet the pony's nose. He snuggled his head in her hand.

Later that morning, workmen came to create a new fenced pasture. The farmhouse, and Annie's window, were on the south. The barn was on the north. The workmen installed a split-rail fence east and west. Also, they built a stall inside the barn for Magic, which, as it turned out, was her pony's name.

Late in the morning, after the farmhand fed the chickens and ducks, he saddled up Magic so Annie could ride. She took to it right away. Soon she was galloping off on Magic down paths and into the woods that surrounded the farm, her shiny black hair flowing in the breeze.

After a few days, she thought, amazingly, that she and Magic were silently talking to one

another. *Take the left fork. I can leap that brook. Stop in that open field.*

Late in the evening, Magic would see her in her nightclothes, holding an apple out her window. He'd trot over.

*Delicious. Thank you.*

You're welcome. I love you.

Winter turned to springtime. One warm night in April, Magic made an extraordinary suggestion.

*Come on out. I'll take you for a night ride. "I can't." Yes, you can.*

She climbed out her window. She was barefoot. "There's no saddle," she said. *Just grab my mane and pull yourself up and over.* When she was settled, he galloped off and leaped the split rail, not even bothering with the closed gate. You can leave, she said. *Yes, but I stay.*

They galloped into the woods. *I'll get you back before Joe arrives to feed the chickens.* Good idea.

They went off twice every day in April. Saddled up during the day, and bareback into the night.

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they were galloping through the night toward a clearing when Magic made an amazing suggestion.

Let's see what this looks like from above, he said. Hang on tight. What? With that, Magic took a huge lunge and leaped into the sky. They were flying. Annie was speechless. She hung on for dear life.

There's the pond, I'll circle low. "I'm scared." No you're not. I've got you. "This is wonderful."

They flew over the nearby village of Southampton, they circled around over Lake Agawam, just above the steeples of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. At 3 a.m., Magic landed Annie back in the pasture.

In the nights that followed, they flew around over Sag Harbor and East Hampton. Over Montauk they circled the lighthouse out at the Point. Can we land here? Don't want to be seen, Magic said. But for a few minutes we can set down on the lawn. Okay. But quietly.

From the lawn, they could hear the seagulls squawking and the waves crashing onto the rocks below. Crickets chirped. Lightning bugs circled. "It's beautiful," Annie said. Seen enough? Yup. Off we go.

Back at 3 a.m., Annie jumped off and went in through the window, and Magic went back to his stall. And nobody ever knew.

In the summer, Annie continued riding Magic, nearby during the day and farther and farther away at night. They flew over the skyscrapers of New York City. They flew upstate over the mists of Niagara Falls. They flew over the dark waters of the Mississippi near St. Louis, then swooped low down into the depths of the Grand

Canyon, scaring off hawks that, curious, had flown alongside.

In September, Magic and Annie flew to Paris, landing briefly at the very top of the Eiffel Tower. They flew over the Great Wall of China to gaze down on the fields that stretched out to the hills beyond. They flew over Victoria Falls in Africa, over the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. They came down on the rim of the volcano at Mt. Fuji in Japan and stayed a while.

Annie loved Magic and Magic loved Annie and that was that.

A blinding fog settled over eastern Long Island on that next Christmas Eve. At midnight, Magic trotted over to the window. I need you to do something for me, Magic said. "What's that?" Do you have two flashlights? "Yes, I do." Come out with them. And take with you two washcloths, some Scotch tape and two metal coat hangers from your closet. We're going back to the barn.

This was strange, Annie thought. But she did what he asked. At the barn, Magic explained. Santa called. Rudolph with the red nose is not available. They want me to lead the reindeer through the fog. Otherwise there will be no presents delivered to the Hamptons.

"You could save Christmas," Annie said. Yup. They're meeting us over Connecticut. "Can I come?" Yup.

Magic asked Annie to put the bit and bridle on him, something she'd not done before. "Why

do we need this?" Tape the flashlights facing forward onto the bridle, one on each side. She did this. Now bend the coat hangers into antlers, wrap them with the wash cloths and tape them atop my head. And turn on the flashlights.

With that done, she climbed aboard, grabbed the mane and off they went out of the barn and into the sky.

Over Connecticut, Magic hooked himself to the front of the eight reindeer. Santa cheered. "On EVERYBODY!" he shouted joyfully, and so off they flew, south across Long Island Sound and into this dense fog.

Delivering presents down every chimney in the Hamptons was about the most amazing experience Annie had ever had. She and Magic, with the help of the flashlights, flew the reindeer from roof to roof, where they waited while Santa took bags of toys down chimney after

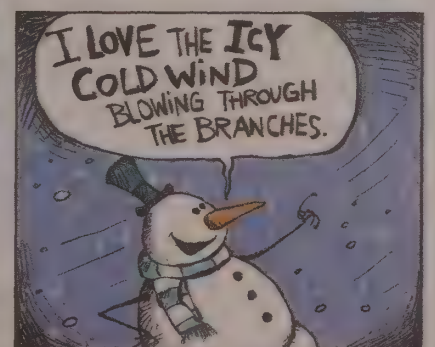
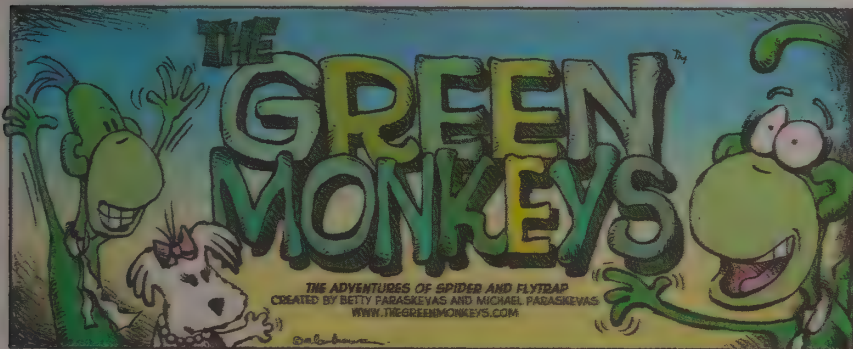
chimney from Montauk to Westhampton. She shouted with joy when the presents went down the chimney at her house.

Finally, with a delivery to Shelter Island, the work was done and Santa, Magic and the reindeer quietly set the sleigh down on the pasture next to Annie's window at 3 a.m.

Annie hopped off. And there, Magic spoke to her. The antlers and lights were still in place.

I have to go back to (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

Santa called.  
Rudolph with the  
red nose is not  
available.  
They want me to  
lead the reindeer  
through the fog...





## Magic (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

the Pole, Magic said. "What?" Santa needs me. I grew up there, and got assigned to come to you. I thought it would be forever, but now Santa wants me at the North Pole in case this happens again. I don't want to do this, but I have to. "I love you." I love you too. Goodbye, Annie. He nuzzled her and then urged her through the window. And with that, Magic, Santa and the reindeer flew off into the night.

Annie got into bed and she cried and cried. Soon, her mom and dad in their nightclothes came into the room.

"What's wrong?" her mother said.

Magic's gone, she wailed.

"No, he's not," mother said. "He's in the barn."

"He's not there, I just know it."

Annie ran out the front door, across the pasture and into the barn, her mom and dad following her. No Magic.

"We'll get a search party looking for him. He can't be far."

"He's gone," Annie wailed.

Even though it was Christmas morning, her dad got on the phone and called the fire department and the police department to form a search party.



It disrupted Christmas that morning—Annie could see she'd gotten a bicycle but she didn't care—and the search went on all night and for the next two days and nights. But Magic was gone.

On the fourth day, Annie, in her room, overheard her father talking to her mother by the fireplace.

"Well, Annie is finally getting over this," he said. "We both know, the search was just for show. And the search party knew it too. It was all

for Annie. She couldn't know."

"Shall we get a full-grown horse from the North Pole for her?" mom asked.

"She's ready," dad said. "But they just have ponies there. I think we could get a sweet but fast mare for her at the Amarillis Farm in Bridgehampton, though."

Annie had dried her tears by this fourth day. Yes, she'd like a horse. But nothing would ever, not ever, replace the time she spent with Magic.

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# Be a Santa

*Listen to What the Child Wants & Repeat It to the Parents*



BY DAN RATTINER

I think at least once in every adult person's life, they should put on the suit and in a public location be Santa Claus. You can learn a great deal about the different habits and behaviors of loads of children between the ages of 2 and 7. And you thought you knew them all.

For the last six years, I have played the part of Santa Claus in the annual East Hampton Village parade. This year the parade was on December 7, and I went down Main Street atop my sleigh, waving to the crowd from the Presbyterian Church to the Hook Mill, where I flipped a switch turning on the lights lining the edges of the blades of that windmill.

The highlight of this, for me, anyway, was what came after. I sat on a throne in the center of the customer floor of the Eileen Fisher clothing store on Newtown Lane and had encounters with probably 40 children of this age, one right after the other.

Now, you may have a few kids in your life who are that age and think you know it all, but I can tell you the variety of reactions of these children encountering Santa was amazingly all over the lot.

Invariably, the parents either carried over or walked behind these children to set them down before me to allow them to experience me first hand. There was always, initially, stunned amazement at seeing Santa Claus. Next came

either fear and a retreat to grab their parent around the knees or happy acceptance followed by a willingness to continue the encounter.

The fear-and-retreat children were greeted with either an "oh well" acceptance by parents who'd say maybe another time and walk off, or step forward with the kids to help them try to get over the terror. If the fear and terror continued, though, I'm happy to say that nearly all parents took their kid off, although some created disasters and screaming by setting the kid on my lap anyway. Bad idea. Sometimes, and this was even worse, they'd look at me and, in front of their kid, apologize to me for having caused such trouble.

Between the terror kid and the enthusiastic kid, sometimes I'd get a kid who either overcame or never felt fear, looked to see that his parent wasn't going away—parent was taking a picture—and then, in response to my asking what they wanted for Christmas, would get up on tiptoe and whisper in my ear. Then I'd repeat it, as if I didn't hear, loudly so the parent could hear.

Some didn't have any idea of what they wanted and were stunned to be asked, and still others came having memorized long lists of items they wanted.

As for those who wound up sitting on Santa's lap, the percentage of kids who chose to do this has declined over the years, probably due to the advent of the increased awareness and protection of personal space

our society has recently embraced. But I still get some.

Then, this year, there was this little girl, cute as a button and standing ramrod straight three feet in front of me. She looked me over curiously.

I asked her what her name was and she told me. I asked her how old she was and she said six. Then she became the one who asked the questions.

"Are you really Santa?"

"Yes, I am," I said.

"You look fake."

"I'm really him, really Santa."

"You look like you're wearing a disguise."

"I'm not wearing a disguise. This is what I look like. Though sometimes I do wear a disguise to hide who I really am underneath, which is Santa."

She considered that for a moment, then a great beaming smile appeared on her face, and with that, she leaped up into my lap, put her arms around me and gave me a long, loving hug.

I said, "Oh ho, there you are," and hugged her back. Then she got down, told me proudly what she wanted, shook my hand and ran off.

I've been thinking about this since. Did an invasion of space occur here? I sure was surprised. At least at first. But more to the point, I lied to her. Or I think I lied. She'll be told in about a year by somebody that there is no Santa Claus, and she will reply oh yes, there is, and I gave him a great big hug.

After that, I don't know what will happen. 🎅



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The holiday season is filled, quite literally, with light. For Chanukah, light has a very specific ceremonial purpose, but also means something quite significant beyond its religious purpose. Rabbi Josh Franklin of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons has used the light of Chanukah as the driving force behind a new, community-wide series of events that he hopes will make the holidays brighter for everyone on the East End.

The Jewish Center's Pop-Up Chanukah series will run from the first night of Chanukah on December 22 to the last night on December 29. "Throughout the year, we partner with a lot of different organizations in various capacities," says Franklin. "We have friends all around the Hamptons, friends who are community members and also people who do a lot to support the community overall. So we thought would do events each night of Chanukah at various locations throughout East Hampton."

The festivities kick off at Nick & Toni's and travel to The Clubhouse, the Jewish Center, even Main Beach. Each night will feature specials and fun for the whole family. "The idea is, every single night of Chanukah there should be a place for you to go, not just for you to light the menorah by yourself and with your family, but to find community this holiday season and join in the spirit of Chanukah with the entire Jewish community in the Hamptons." Pop-Up Chanukah will also include the Jewish Center's beloved Shabbat on the Beach on December 27, a Jewish Hamptons staple during the summer recreated with a bonfire and special service for the winter.

Franklin believes the light of Chanukah is vital to getting through the dark winter months. "I think Chanukah resonates with so many people because it speaks to this really great metaphor of bringing light into the world when there is a time of darkness," he says. "Physically it's dark. There's a reason

why Chanukah happens around the winter solstice, the darkest time of the year. Not only do we need to bring physical light into the world, but we need to bring spiritual light into our world, as well. I think that's pretty universal around religions. It's not just about being dark outside. It's dark times. People are affected by this time of year by Seasonal Affective Disorder. It's a little bit depressing, and light really rejuvenates our spirits."

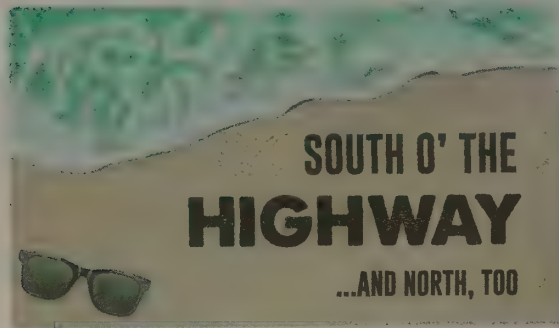
Light is, of course, also a vital part of the religious history behind the holiday. "Chanukah works on multiple levels. One of the ways is the story that is told about the Maccabees, who revolted against tyranny and had a miraculous victory and rededicated the temple after it was desecrated," Franklin explains. "And so in one way it's about the idea of overcoming tyranny and the dark forces around the world, and in the other way it's about the lighting of the menorah and physical light that is in the world, miraculous light that's in the world and the idea of counting up with that light, increasing the light each consecutive day which the rabbis put on par with increasing in holiness each successive day of Chanukah."

Franklin hopes that everyone, from people who are religious to those people who are looking for something fun to do on these winter evenings, will come to the Pop-Up Chanukah events. "Chanukah is a low-bar entry holiday that has huge returns in spirituality," he says. "Anyone can buy a menorah and light the candles. It gets even better when you do it with family, and even better than that when you do it with community. We hope that people on the East End take a look at our Pop-Up Chanukah events and find ways to engage with the Jewish community this holiday season."

BY LEE MEYER

For more information on Pop-Up Chanukah, visit [jcoh.org](http://jcoh.org).





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Happy birthday, **Sean "Diddy" Combs**! Though the East Hampton resident turned 50 years young on November 4, he just celebrated on December 14 with a star-studded bash at his Los Angeles home. Fellow South Forkers **Jay-Z** and **Beyoncé** were in attendance, along with **Kim**

**Kardashian, Kanye West, Kylie Jenner, Dr. Dre, Cardi B, Tyler Perry, Kobe Bryant** and others. Among the music mogul's gifts were performances by **Mary J. Blige, Usher, Lil Kim** and **Doug E. Fresh**.

Hamptons fan **Hillary Clinton** is coming to a small screen near you. Hulu just released the trailer for *Hillary*, an upcoming four-part Hulu docuseries about the former Secretary of State. The series includes interviews with **Bill** and **Chelsea Clinton**, personal friends, former staff members and journalists. It also features exclusive footage from the 2016 presidential election. *Hillary* premieres at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2020 and hits Hulu on March 6.



BEYONCÉ

East Hampton's **Beyoncé** is featured in the current issue of *ELLE* magazine. In a candid interview, the songstress shares thoughts on love, business and her pursuit of purpose. When asked about her confidence to own her creative narrative, she says, "The more I mature, the more I understand my value. I realized I had to take control of my work and my legacy because I wanted to be able to speak directly to my fans in an honest way...We all have more power than we realize."

In other **Beyoncé** news, the Associated Press has named her album *Lemonade* Album of the Decade. The AP writes of *Lemonade*, "The usually private Beyoncé bares her soul on the album, singing about a troubled relationship, black pride and motherhood in a brave way. Lyrically, she's on point and honest over beats and sounds that range from rap to rock to country and pop."

Upcoming short-form streaming service Quibi has added a high-profile new project to its slate of programming in the form of *The Andy Cohen Diaries*, an animated series from producer and personality and Shelter Island's **Andy Cohen**. *The Andy Cohen Diaries* will be 10 minutes each, animated in the style of the covers of his *Andy Cohen Diaries* book series. "I'm so excited to start writing more adventures in my diaries, and animated, short installments represent the perfect format to bring these to life," Cohen told *Deadline*.

Graphic designer **Walter Bernard**, who has designed dozens of Artist-Writers Game covers for *Dan's Papers*, and longtime partner Milton Glaser are jointly the authors of the new book *MAG MEN: Fifty Years of Making Magazines*, a 288-page affair filled with tales of their collaborations at *New York, Time, Fortune, The Atlantic* and *The Nation*, among others. The book was released for publication on December 17 and is available wherever books are sold.

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## This Week's Cover Artist: Christine D'Addario

Long Island-based Christine D'Addario began to pursue her passion for art after having children. She serves on the Board of Trustees for the Art League of Long Island and has been featured in several galleries, clubs and organizations throughout the world.

**What was the inspiration for this piece?**

I've always enjoyed the holiday season. I love all the parties, decorations and twinkling lights. It has become an even more special time of year since our three daughters were born. This oil painting was based on the moment I saw our girls looking out the window at the snow falling. It was the night before Christmas and they appear to be "Waiting for Santa."

**How would you describe your art style?**

My artwork combines traditional and contemporary methods, creating a style of "Transitional Realism." I am an optimist and choose to celebrate the beauty and wonder around us. My works are meant to bring happiness and a sense of calm to viewers. The majority of my works focus on seascapes because I believe that time spent by the shore stimulates the senses, fuels the human spirit and can reset the mind.

**Talk about your artistic process.**

The observation and expression of a fleeting moment propel my works. I am most interested

in capturing the joy and magic that our world has to reveal. As a family, many experiences are repeated throughout the year. This repetition builds a deep connection with my subjects, which in turn helps bring authentic feeling to my work. My goal is to express the essence of those experiences to transport my viewers to feel as if they too were there.

**How has living on Long Island influenced your work as an artist?**

I love living on Long Island because there are endless magnificent coastlines to explore. I've learned that the seasonal changes are a gift. I gather much inspiration from the summertime in Southampton, including plein air painting studies, sketches and photographs. During the winter months when the outdoors are unappealing, I spend my time cozy in the studio, creating large-scale seascape works which keep my spirits up till June!

**What is your proudest achievement?**

My proudest achievements are our children and marriage of 15 years to my loving husband, Michael. Family is everything...as my Great Aunt Marion always says, "We may not have it all together but together we have it all." This is so true. My proudest *artistic* achievements are also very important to me. I would like to share with your readers some exciting news! My work is



currently showing in "The Seasons" exhibition at the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn, co-curated by Franklin Hill Perrell and Debbie Wells. Please visit this wonderful exhibition from now till March 1.

**What do the holidays mean to you?**

I am very happy and honored to be chosen as the artist for *Dan's Papers'* holiday cover. The holidays are a very special time of year for me. We love Christmas so much that we named our daughter Noelle! It symbolizes all that is good—love, family traditions, celebrating with friends, sparkly shoes, red bows, crackling fires, snow, cookies and presents! Happy holidays to all!

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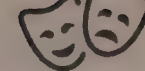
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## Three Decades of Theatre Three's "A Christmas Carol"

One sure sign of the approaching holidays is the return of the iconic play *A Christmas Carol* to Theatre Three in Port Jefferson, with artistic director Jeffrey Sanzel once again transformed into the miserly curmudgeon Ebenezer Scrooge.

This marks the 36th year that Theatre Three has bestowed the gift of *A Christmas Carol* upon its longstanding audiences—some of them started attending with their tiny children, who are now grown but still entranced by Ebenezer Scrooge and his host of mystical spirits.

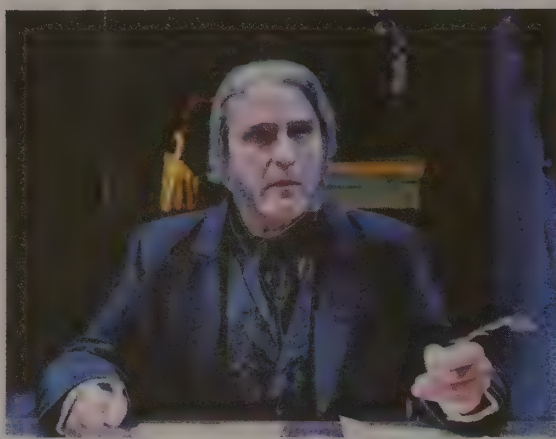
But what is it like to be the actor who has relived Scrooge's journey toward self-awareness for decades now? Sanzel recently shared some of his personal thoughts on the character who has become second nature to him.

### HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING SCROOGE AT THEATRE THREE?

I first played Scrooge in 1988 in Westchester. I directed the Theatre Three production in 1989. I started playing Scrooge here in 1990 and played it every year since, except in 2002, when I was gone from the theater. I played it for Interboro Repertory Theatre, in New York, then I've played it here every year since, starting in 2003. Our public opening on November 23 will mark my 1,390th performance of Scrooge.

### WHEN DID YOU FIRST FEEL A SPECIAL AFFINITY TOWARD PLAYING THIS CHARACTER?

The first production I ever did was a student-faculty production when I was teaching. I couldn't get any of the faculty members to play Scrooge, so my assistant



JEFFREY SANZEL AS EBENEZER SCROOGE IN "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

director suggested I do it. I had been aware of the character from movies and television, and knew that it was a wonderful role—I have always had an affinity for villains—but I had no idea the depth, range and challenge of it. I think that's what keeps me coming back: There is always something new to find in him and in his story.

### WAS THERE A MOMENT WHEN YOU HAD A REVELATION THAT THIS SCROOGE CHARACTER WAS GOING TO BE EVER-PRESENT IN YOUR LIFE?

I'm sure there was, but I can't remember. I've been doing Scrooge over half of my life (and then some) and almost my entire adult life. I can't remember a time when Scrooge wasn't present.

### HOW HAS THE SCROOGE CHARACTER EVOLVED FOR YOU OVER THE YEARS?

Understanding. As I said, I started at 22. What did I know then? Very little. In the past three decades, I've experienced a great deal, especially loss. That changes who we are and certainly informs what I bring to the character. I hope it's a richer performance in my 50s than it was in my 20s. I know that I "do" a lot less and listen a lot more. I try to experience as much as I can each day with it. As Scrooge, I remain a work-in-progress.

### DO YOU THINK THE END IS IN SIGHT FOR YOU TO MOVE OUT OF THIS ROLE AT THEATRE THREE, OR ARE YOU STILL AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS YOU WERE THE FIRST YEAR?

No. I haven't considered the end. Still as enthusiastic? Probably not in the same way. I was a very different person at 22 than I am at 53, which is a good thing for me and for everyone else!

### WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO RETURN TO THIS CHARACTER EACH YEAR?

I'm still learning what makes the character tick. I find new pieces every year. I have surrounded myself with extraordinary designers and actors, and staff who have supported the exploration, so it is a joy to approach the show each season.

BY BARBARA ANNE KIRSHNER

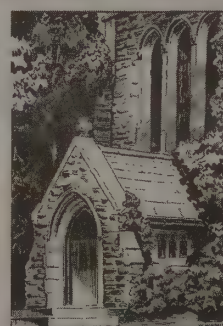
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## The East End's Most Delicious 2019 Food & Wine Moments

The East End food and wine world has shifted and changed considerably since 2018—with a staggering number of new restaurant and wine tasting room openings, many fresh accolades and TV spots, and several unforgettable culinary events. As we prepare to sink our teeth into 2020, let's savor some of our top highlights from 2019.

### THE NEW RESTAURANT RUSH

With the seasonal nature of the Hamptons and North Fork, locals are accustomed to the constant revolving door of pop-ups and new, year-round eateries testing the water each summer. The 2019 restaurant rush graced us with Carissa's The Bakery, Paola's East and Bostwick's on the Harbor in East Hampton; Coche Comedor and Morty's Oyster Stand in Amagansett; Union Burger Bar, TBar Southampton and Silver Lining Diner in Southampton; K Pasa and Ed's Lobster Bar in Sag Harbor; Salvatore's Family Restaurant & Bar in Hampton Bays; Salt & Loft in Westhampton Beach; The Garden at Water Mill and Provisions Natural Foods Market & Organic Café in Water Mill; Showfish at Gurney's Star Island Resort & Marina in Montauk; Ellen's on Front and Anker in Greenport; Maroni Southold and Latin Fuzion in Southold; Pizza Rita in Mattituck; and Little Oak at Jamesport Vineyards. While the East End lost mainstays like O'Murphy's and Silver's, the plethora of new restaurants provides a smorgasbord of fresh dishes and flavors to savor that will certainly fill the hole left behind.

### A TASTE OF THE GOOD WINE

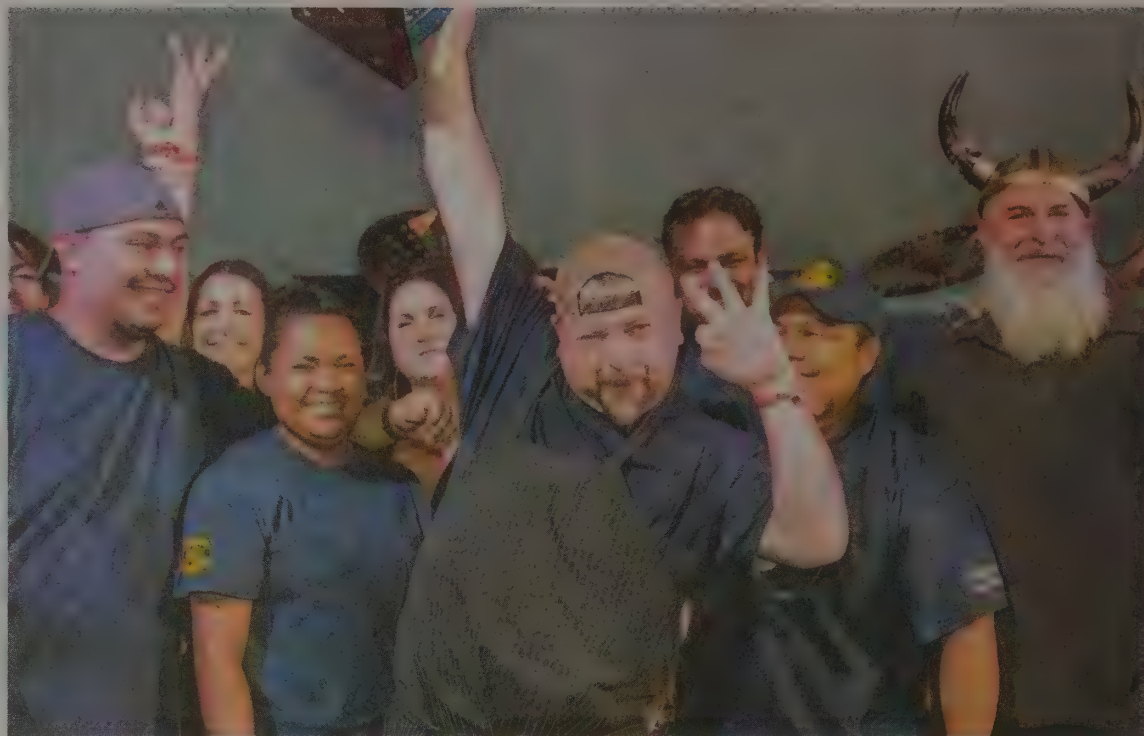
East End Wine Country got some enticing new additions, as well. The Croteaux Vineyards Tasting Room made a triumphant return to Southold in August. The rustic barn and breathtaking garden offer bucolic views and award-winning wines. In September, Sannino Vineyard opened a 2,000-square-foot Tasting House in Cutchogue, which provides ample space for their VIP wine club members and other visitors.

### LOCAL ICONS GO NATIONAL

Through popular tasting events like Dan's Taste of Two Forks and Rosé Soirée, many local chefs have achieved an undeniable level of East End fame, but this year a select few ascended to the national stage through exciting TV segments. East End chefs Stephan Bogardus and Alex Guarnaschelli appeared on the May 2 episode of *Beat Bobby Flay*, with Bogardus as a contestant and Guarnaschelli as a guest. Though Flay came out on top, The Halyard at Sound View Greenport chef put on an incredible show and made the North Fork proud. The Lobster Roll, aka LUNCH, once again played a major role in *The Affair*, with the climate change-tinged time jump final season revealing that series lead Noah Solloway succeeds Cole Lockhart as owner of the Montauk/Napeague staple. In reality, The Lobster Roll is owned by Andrea Anthony, who made her own 2019 TV appearance with *Eat, Drink and Bake with Andrea* Season 2 on PBS.

### COOKING BETWEEN THE COVERS

What a year for East End cookbooks! Throughout 2019, local bookshelves and kitchen cabinets were stocked with the likes of *Life Is a Party: Deliciously Doable Recipes to Make Every Day a Celebration* by David Burkha; *Martha Stewart's Grilling* by Martha Stewart; *JGV: A Life in 12 Recipes* by Jean-Georges Vongerichten; and *The Clean Plate* by Gwyneth Paltrow. Jimmy Fallon gushed over Sybille Van Kempen's *Bridgehampton Inn & Restaurant Look + Cook Book on The Tonight Show*, showing off its QR code that unlocks tutorial videos and more. And doyenne of North Fork dining Claudia Fleming re-released her 2001 tome of expert recipes, *The Last Course*.



CHEF MATTY BOUDREAU AND HIS TEAM POSING WITH THE BLUE MOON PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD AT DAN'S GRILLHAMPTON 2019.

### AWARDS GALORE

In addition to the hundreds of 2019 Dan's Best of the Best awards—and Towne Cellars' BOTB Hall of Fame induction—accolades were plentiful in the world of East End food and drink this year. In January, Fred Lee of Sang Lee Farm was honored with the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Farmer of the Year Award for over a decade's worth of organic farming practices. Similarly, Ira Haspel of KK's The Farm received Slow Food East End's first Snailblazer Award for two decades of sustainable agriculture. And last August, *Wine Spectator* magazine crowned the best wine lists in the world as part of its 2019 Restaurant Awards, with the East End's American Hotel, Baron's Cove, Bell & Anchor, Calissa, Fresno, Lulu Kitchen, Pierre's, Scarpetta Beach at Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, 1770 House Restaurant, Touch of Venice and Tweed's Restaurant & Buffalo Bar among its picks.

### LONG LIVE THE KING

Of all the food and wine highlights of 2019, chef Matty Boudreau's third GrillHampton win, aka his "three-peat," might be the most electric of them all. When he and his Preston House & Hotel team (he has since moved to Green Hill Kitchen) were announced as winners of the Blue Moon People's Choice Award, the crowd cheered wildly, his team smiled from ear to ear and he raised three fingers up high, hollering "Three-peat!" at the top of his lungs. With local chef and caterer Peter Ambrose claiming the coveted New York Prime Beef Judges' Choice Award, and Team Hamptons taking home the Team Award, the event was a testament to the culinary magic found on the East End. The only thing that could've elevated the spectacular night to legendary status would've been if *Man v. Food* superstar Adam Richman joined the Jessie's Girl band onstage for an unforgettable rendition of Simple Minds' "Don't You (Forget About Me)." So yeah, it was legendary!

### CLOSE TO THREE-PEAT REPEAT

Hot on Matty Boudreau's tail is PTL chef Fabián Gallardo, who claimed his second Dan's Corona MonTaco victory this summer, with his Pork Shoulder Carnitas Taco swaying guests to elect him for the People's Choice Award. Speaking of crowd favorites, In the Groove, the final act in the Dan's Taste of Summer

Entertainment Series Presented by Mohegan Sun, rocked the crowd so hard that their fans voted them Dan's Best of the Best Local Band (Platinum at that!)

### THE FIRST OF MANY NEW EVENTS

Dan's Chefs of the North Fork was such a big hit in 2018 that creating Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons was inevitable. Hosted by Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, the incomparable dining experience at Topping Rose House honored *New York Times* food and wine writer Florence Fabricant and raised proceeds for Guild Hall. The dinner tables overflowed with exquisite cuisine by Calissa, Harbor Market, Nick & Toni's, Quogue Club, Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, Union Cantina and more.

### 60 SUMMERS, 80 YEARS

If you missed the inaugural Chefs of the Hamptons, you can get your tickets early next year, but the 60 Summers Gala was truly a once-in-a-lifetime event. If you missed it, you can look forward to our 100 Summers Gala in 40 years. The party celebrated 60 summers of *Dan's Papers* and the 80th birthday of its founder, Dan Rattiner. New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman presented Dan with a special proclamation in honor of the anniversary; storied author Roger Rosenblatt gently roasted Dan for his non-traditional reporting style; and the dignified guests watched in amazement as we unveiled a new Dan statue, this time depicting him as the Statue of Liberty. And the food! Six East End chefs each prepared a course inspired by one of the six decades of *Dan's Papers*, including Dane Sayles's *La Dolce Vita* and Stephan Bogardus's *Omnivore's Dilemma*.

### WRAPPING A BOW ON 2019

Dan's Hamptons Media sent 2019 off in festive style, with the inaugural Dan's Holidays in the Vines hosted by RG|NY vineyard on Thanksgiving weekend. The event perfectly encapsulated the flavor of the holiday season with Lamb Altalkari, Seared Crescent Farms Duck Breast and more, each paired with a local wine. VIPs were treated to a special meet-and-greet with Claudia Fleming, where she signed copies of *The Last Course*. Here's to a bounty of memorable food and wine moments in 2020! 🍷



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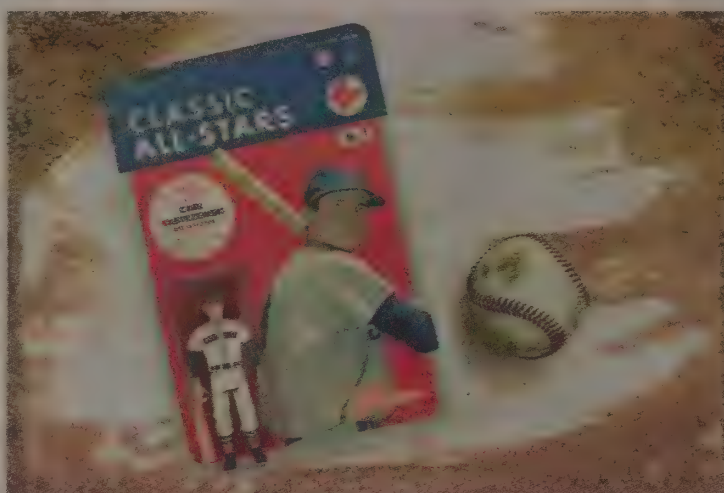
## Carl Yastrzemski Comes Home for Christmas

In September of 2013, the Boston Red Sox unveiled a statue of Carl "Yaz" Yastrzemski in Fenway Park. The baseball great and beloved Bridgehampton native, now 80 years old, had said it was "quite an honor" to see himself immortalized in bronze. But that moment might pale in comparison to his recent appearance as a 4-inch, plastic action figure.

Released just in time for Christmas as part of Super7's Supersports series of collectible toys, the new "Classic All-Stars" action figure puts Yaz right in fans' pockets. That is, of course, if one chooses to free him from his beautifully designed blister pack. It's something of a dilemma, really. The little version of Yastrzemski comes mounted on a 10-inch card boasting a vintage look that would thrill any BoSox devotee—and the East End has many, dating back to the days when the region could only receive New England radio broadcasts.

Yastrzemski's card is decorated with an iconic shot of the career Red Sox player surrounded by pleasing team colors—red and blue with gray and white details—along with fonts and logos that deliver a nostalgic grand slam. Many fans and collectors will likely choose to hang this on their wall unopened. It would also make a great gift mounted in a clear shadowbox, preserving the cardboard for years to come.

Even the package's mustard-colored back smacks of old Topps baseball cards, including a checklist featuring more Classic All-Stars in the Supersports series, such as fellow Boston Hall of Famers Carlton Fisk, circa 1975, and Ted Williams from 1941; San Francisco Giants Willie Mays, ca. 1965 (sorry, Mets fans—but



SUPER7'S CARL "YAZ" YASTRZEMSKI CLASSIC ALL-STARS TOY

you're used to losing, right?), Orlando Cepeda, 1958, and Juan Marichal, 1968; Brooklyn Dodgers legends Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella from 1955; and some Yankees no one reading this cares about...Joe DiMaggio, 1941, Yogi Berra, 1951, and Mickey Mantle from 1956. Because Super7 is based in San Francisco, the company's Online and E-Commerce Manager Brian Lew explains that they "feel a connection with Yaz because his grandson Mike Yastrzemski was a break out star for the Giants this past season."

The series also offers three adorable Classic Mascots: San Francisco's Crazy Crab, NY's Mr. Met (available for preorder) and Philadelphia's Phillie Phanatic.

Yastrzemski graduated Bridgehampton High School

in 1957 with just 17 other students and spent much of his time working his family's 70-acre potato farm. When he wasn't working or studying and playing ball at school—where he also played football and basketball—the young man played and practiced baseball with great determination. He hung a ball from the ceiling of his parents' garage, across from the Little League field on School Street, and took 1,000 swings at it every night. The work paid off, earning him a .512 batting average in school and a scholarship to Notre Dame, where he signed with the Red Sox as a freshman. The man has true local cred, and his jersey, along with a commemorative plaque, hangs proudly at his alma mater.

For those who open their Yastrzemski figure, it has the retro style of vintage Star Wars figures, with five points of articulation: at the neck, shoulders and hips. The 18-time All-Star and Triple Crown winner comes with a baseball bat accessory, which fits comfortably in Yaz's right hand, and his 1967-era uniform has clean lines, vibrant colors and excellent details, down to the silver cleats on the bottom of each shoe. Like the man it depicts, the figure is a winner, in or out of the package.

Today, more than 60 years after Yastrzemski left Bridgehampton for college, he rarely returns to his hometown hamlet, but with the advent of Super7's action figure, he may be here in droves for Christmas.

BY OLIVER PETERSON

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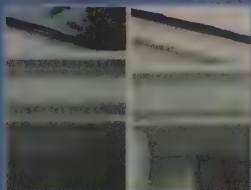


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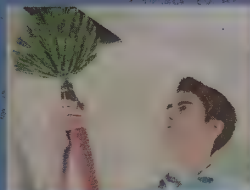
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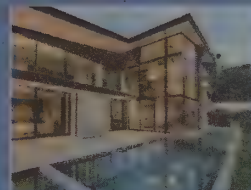
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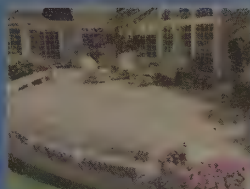
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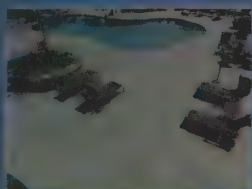
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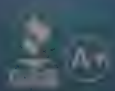
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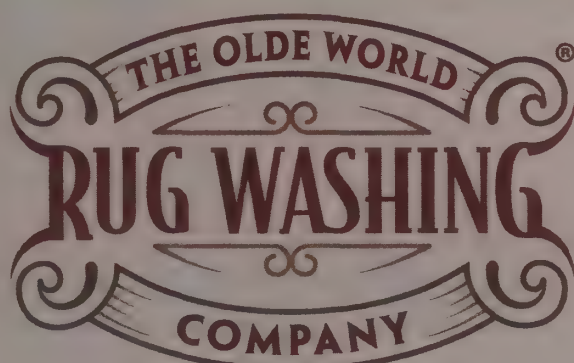


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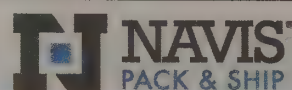
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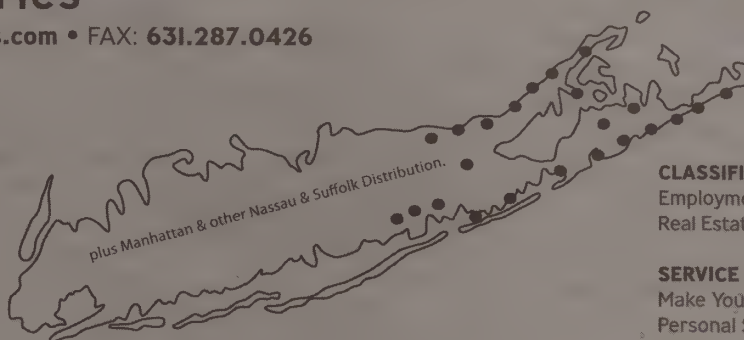
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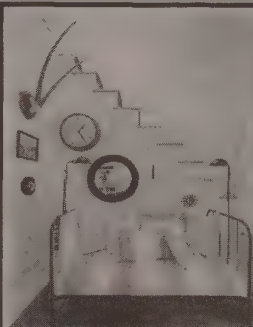
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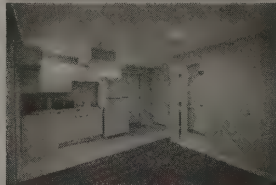
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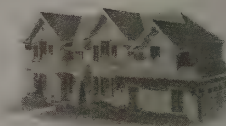
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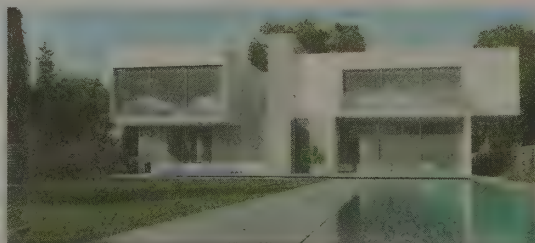
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## Top 10 Behind the Hedges Stories of 2019

The year that was in East End real estate saw its share of notable sales, a roster of remarkable properties hitting the market, plenty of bold-face names in the news and one particular announcement that could reshape the way we all search for homes in the Hamptons. Amid those stories, *Behind the Hedges* also covered legendary developers and historic homes, had some fun with the sanctity of secrecy that surrounds certain sales, and sparked plenty of buzz that generated the Top 10 Behind the Hedges stories of 2019:

### BIG NEWS FROM THE BAY

The first can-you-believe-it news of the new year came in the first few days of January from Westhampton Beach in "The Highest Bayfront Sale on Dune Road in a Decade," which announced that the record-setting deal for a reported \$6,425,000.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

You know the person who bought that property around the corner? No? Well, sometimes that's the point, as "Noms de Dune" so eloquently enumerates.

### BOO

"Is the Rogers Mansion Really Haunted?" asks the question raised by many who have heard the footsteps in empty halls, seen shadowy figures and felt ghostly presences in the famed Southampton building. Southampton History Museum, who occupies the mansion, called in Long Island Paranormal Investigators (LIPI) to investigate and offer some answers.



IS THE ROGERS MANSION HAUNTED?

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### CELLARS MARKET

The first Long Island wine to ever be served at a presidential inauguration was a merlot from the acclaimed Bedell Cellars that was served to toast Barack Obama's second term in 2013. Explore the beauty of the vineyard and how the property could become yours in "Grape Expectations."

### LIFE'S A BEACH

Romance? Recreation? Historic memories? Beach Hampton is indeed in the heart of Wonderland...and "Beach Hampton: A New World of Happiness" dives into how this mile of pure white sands, blue waters and silvery surf does sing to the soul.

### THE PRICE WAS RIGHT

There's a reason people watch the Hamptons market like they do a major sports league. The biggest deals and the biggest players made for one of the biggest stories of the year in "The Top 10 Priciest Properties for Sale in the Hamptons."

### WHAT'S IN A NAME, TOO

Does Gin Lane relate to Prohibition? Who was Stephen Hand and why does he have a Path? Find out in "Who Was Daniel and Why Did He Have a Hole?"

### HOW DID WE LOSE SOMETHING SO BIG?

The Hamptons of today is known for over-the-top real estate, but "Lost Mansions of the Hamptons" celebrates the grand and glorious estates of last century.

### THE SEARCH IS OVER...OR JUST BEGINNING

"Hamptons Real Estate Association Launches HamptonsRE.com" broke so recently that it could still be considered breaking, but the news of a new online listings service in the Hamptons that hopes to take on other real estate properties of the internet still has the industry and potential sellers and buyers all abuzz.

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